

HOUSING INACTION WILL BRAND CITY, SAYS MRS. GLENN

President of National Conference of Charities and Corrections Declares Reform Is Vital Necessity.

"Unless the lawmakers of Philadelphia do something for Philadelphia's poor by appropriating funds for the new Division of Housing and Sanitation a stigma will always remain over the fair name of Philadelphia. Conclusive proof has been brought forth by housing experts which shows that some of the tenements in the crowded section are a menace to the health of the poor."

These are the words of Mrs. John M. Glenn, a noted social worker of New York, and the wife of the executive director of the Russell Sage Foundation, who came to this city today in the interest of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, of which she is president.

This is recognized as one of the most important organizations for the study of social problems in the country. She is here to make plans for the 42d annual convention of the organization in Baltimore next May.

"Philadelphia's dilapidated tenements have been mentioned to me on several occasions," said Mrs. Glenn. "As a matter of fact, I have heard of the subject while in other cities. The housing problem in my opinion is one of the most important subjects that any municipality can take up."

"I am not a Philadelphian, therefore I feel that I shouldn't express my opinion too freely. However, since the agitation for better homes was begun conclusive proof has been brought forth by prominent physicians, social workers, jurists and psychologists who have proved with records and statistics that the present tenement house evils are responsible for many of the troubles of the poor."

"Politics ought not figure when it comes to establishing better homes for mothers, fathers and little children. There has been talk of real estate interests and trust companies being opposed to the granting of appropriations. If such is the case, a serious mistake is being made."

"Councils ought to get together and make a personal study of the tenement house evil. Since so many noted men of this city have brought forth such splendid arguments for better housing conditions I think Councils ought to make some answer."

"Members of Councils must not forget that while they are ignoring the issues there are thousands of poor toilers living in houses which have been described in newspapers as 'living tombs' and 'death vaults'."

"As long as you have bad housing so long will the future of children living in the bad tenements be affected. Bad environments is the chief cause for so many of our children appearing as prisoners. Sometimes after the hearing in the children's court comes a trial in a higher court for some offense."

"There should be running water in the kitchens and there should also be courts yards where the children can play. There should be large windows so that the light can penetrate. It is terrible for the poor to sit in dark kitchens during the day-time with burning kerosene lights."

"I hope that the members of Councils' Finance Committee will give the housing problem of Philadelphia their attention."

The plan to have a renting station is now under way. It is possible that this station, which will enable the tenement poor to obtain information about sanitary dwellings at the same rate which is charged for insanitary quarters, will be established shortly. Civic workers plan to get a list of such houses and tell the residents about it when visiting them.

Cornerstone of Audubon Church Laid
AUDUBON, N. J., Dec. 21.—The cornerstone of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, White Horse Pike and Harvard road, was laid yesterday afternoon. The services were participated in by every minister in Audubon. The building will be entirely of granite and will cost about \$3000.

LITTLE GIRL SANTA CLAUS
Rose Harkins, 13 Years Old, Collects 75 Dolls for Poor Children.
Seventy-five dolls which are to be distributed among poor girls of Tacony as Christmas presents have been collected by 13-year-old Rose Harkins, of 8133 Torresdale avenue, from her chums in the St. Leo's School.

The young social worker began collecting the dolls several weeks ago and has worked so persistently among her fellow scholars that 50 of the Christmas gifts are already in her possession and the other 25 promised from such reliable sources that there is no longer any doubt as to the success of her plan.

The dolls will be distributed by Miss Sadie Diaton, of 708 Hagerman street, who has done so much charitable work in that section as to become familiar with all who are deserving of the young girl's efforts.

RECEPTION TO JUSTICE FELL
Head of Supreme Court Will Be Bar's Guest Wednesday Night.
D. Newlin Fell, retiring Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, will be the guest of the bar of Philadelphia at a reception at the Bellevue-Stratford Wednesday evening. The event will be under the auspices of the Law Association, the Lawyers' Club and the Law Academy.

The committee in charge consists of Hampton L. Carson, Frank P. Pritchard and Meredith Hanna, for the Law Association; Francis Shunk Brown, William H. Staake and Henry C. Thompson, for the Lawyers' Club, and John E. Walsh, Joseph Carson and Palmer Watson, for the Law Academy.

Bishop Dedicates Italian Church
Bishop McCort dedicated the new Catholic Church of Mater Delorosa, Paul, Orchard and Russ streets, Frankford, yesterday. A sermon in English was preached by the Rev. William J. Higgins, and an Italian sermon was delivered by the Rev. Raimondo Tenini, of New York.

CANTATAS IN CHURCHES
Special Programs Inaugurate Week's Christmas Celebration.
Special musical programs, cantatas by large choirs, Christmas carols by the quartets and interesting exercises by the children of the Sunday schools introduced the holiday season in churches yesterday.

Christmas trees, decorated with various colored electric lights and shining tinsel, were used in the decorative scheme in most of the churches for the celebration of the children, and in some of the churches gifts of books and candy were distributed.

OFFERS LAND FOR PARK
A provisional donation of a 24-acre tract of land to be added to Fairmount Park at Lincoln Drive and Hartwell lane has been made by Dr. George Woodward, of Mermald lane and McCullum street, on condition that Councils appropriate funds to purchase a two-acre plot adjoining. The tract, to be known as Pastoria Park, is unimproved and estimated to be worth \$10,000.

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